
Fwd: Re: Speed bumps or stop signs at Magnolia Park?

2 messages

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Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 4:26 PM

Is this still technically an active TAC project? I am not entirely sure.

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Date: Thu, 7 Apr 2022 16:55:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Speed bumps or stop signs at Magnolia Park?

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Hi All,

Reaching back out about this. My kids and I were practically mowed down again this morning on the way to school. Please please please put in a speed bump before something terrible happens!

Thanks,

Elle

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 8, 2021, at 1:15 PM, Ellen Pfeiffer <pfeiffer.d.e@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Daniel,

Thanks so much. I can tell you as someone who walks their kids to school this way each morning, and

takes them to the park numerous times of day the rest of the day, people are not heeding the speed signs. I think they are frustrated from the traffic around lake street and Hardy, so they rush down Herbert. There are bright yellow yield signs, but either folks don't see them because they are obscured behind overhanging trees, or they don't take them seriously. That's why I would suggest either speed bumps or actual stop signs. A neighbor mentioned to me that there may have been objections about the speed bumps due to snow plowing. I would reference Joey's park in Belmont as a nearby traffic situation with similar dynamics. They installed speed bumps, and somehow are still able to plow.

Thanks,

Ellen

On Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 12:19 PM Daniel Amstutz <DAmstutz@town.arlington.ma.us> wrote:

Hi Ellen,

Thank you for your email. I'll be able to respond more fully next week. A few points I will make is that the Transportation Advisory Committee has looked at this intersection in the past, and also at the possibility of installing traffic calming, and had some concerns about it. One thing that was done in the last couple of years was the installation of a Speed Safety Zone with 20 mph on Herbert Road between Varnum Street and Thorndike Street. I can provide more information about the previous reviews of this issue next week.

Best,

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Date: Mon, 04 Oct 2021 15:35:27 -0400

Subject: Re: Speed bumps or stop signs at Magnolia Park?

Hi Ellen,

Thank you for writing about this matter and I apologize for the delayed response.

I have copied Dan Amstutz, Senior Transportation Planner, here as he can both advise on prior studies that have been done on this intersection as well as what might be possible for future consideration.

Dan will follow up with you and from there we can determine appropriate next steps.

Best,
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Hello,

I live on Magnolia St, and my kids and other love to play at Magnolia park. Crossing Herbert Road from Magnolia St is often a very dangerous endeavor, as cars like to use Herbert road as a cut through from Lake to Alewife brook. For the sake of all the young children that live in the area, I'd like the town to consider putting in stop signs and speed bumps. Knowing how long it took to update safety considerations at the bike path and lake street, so humbly request a more urgent course of action at Magnolia & Herbert. Thank you so much

Sincerely,

Ellen

Sent from my iPhone

Laura Swan <laura.swan.tac@gmail.com>
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Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 5:20 PM

Hi Dan,

No, that one is not on the list. There is one faded zebra crossing with a sign behind a tree, so there is more that could be done to improve the visibility.

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